

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Devlin, et al.)
 Serial No.: 09/827,045)
 Filed: April 5, 2001)
 Title: Method for automatically Storing and) Group Art Unit: Unknown
 Reprocessing Patient Specimens in an)
 Automatic Clinical Analyzer) Examiner: Unknown
 Atty Docket No.: DCS-9119A)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please correct the title on page one

--Method for Automatically Storing and Reprocessing Patient Specimens in an Automatic Clinical Analyzer--

On page one, before the first sentence, please insert a new sentence

--This application is a continuation-in-part of US SN 09/725,621 filed on November 30, 2000, which is currently pending--

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